

Good evening, my children, I am Machiventa Melchizedek, and I greet you from the worlds of time and those beyond it. I am here tonight to tell you that you are much loved and appreciated, for your personal growth and your faith in coming to these gatherings. Your personal growth is as important to this Mission as our contacts are with you. I am here tonight to welcome you to a deeper level of contact with those Teachers who have been with you prior to this evening, and even with myself on occasion. But it is really for the purpose of this personal greeting to you, to your group—small but valiant and steadfast—which has brought me here this evening. For, great or small, the Father watches over all His children, and particularly those who have chosen this Mission as part of their life.

I have not spoken to you before in large part due to the transformative powers which have been at work in your group prior to this. There has been so much going on for you all in your separate ways and in relation to this group. So tonight I would merely extend my blessing, the greeting once more of our Lord Michael to you and those others who may read your transcriptions of our gatherings, and ask that you remember the Father in all things. If there be questions, doubts, dissension, or even turmoil in your lives or in these gathered groups, always remember the Father, His love, and our Lord Michael, the Jesus who walked among you, the life he showed you and his words. These shall ever lead you back to the track of true righteousness, the path of quiet glory in the Father's sublime gaze and light. I will leave you for now, but I welcome your prayers for this Mission, for the Teachers, for myself, as our prayers extend to you. We are all the Father's children. We all seek Him. Even if of a time we may stray, the door is never closed to our returning if our hearts remember the Light from whence all living and all love springs. Goodbye for now, my children. I love you very much.

(pause)

Hello, my friends. This is Andronason. I am happy to be here among you again after a bit of a hiatus. Much has occurred—good, and I'm afraid some ill, but all may work itself out in the Father's light and the time of Eternity, even upon your earth. For this is why we are here in this Mission, to bring that light of the Father, that love as lived by our Lord Michael of Nebadon, to have that healing power fill the earth and your lives with its fullness, clarity, vision of grandeur resting in the Father, of Him and by Him. We are not here for ourselves, we of this Mission. We have but the Father's will, to which we have joined our own—in humility, grace, strength, graciousness and power. For none are so united as those who stand aligned with the Father, humble and yet bright as purest day from that caring, considerate and all-knowing Power which is He who knows no beginning and no end, and who loves you with that same infinite measure.

Again, I am most happy to be with you tonight. We are blessed in my brother's visit and words to you--Machiventa, who leads this great Mission of ours for our Lord. I would now like to open the floor to your questions, comments, and any discussion you may wish. Please, I give that over to you now and await



your words.

C: You said when you started that many things have happened since we have come together, some good and some ill. Is there more that you can say about that?

Andr: Yes. I have in particular in mind the issues you have discussed previously when you were not having transmission but were dealing with the ill will exhibited by another member, a mortal, of this Teaching Mission. I do not wish to "name names", if you will—I think you know of whom I speak—a brother loved by our Father, as are you all. I would say these things: The Urantia Book gives a fine example of how one deals with upset, dissension, or problems in a community, wherein our Lord Michael as your Jesus of Nazareth spoke of the process by which such rents in a community may be healed or at least addressed. If you have a problem with a brother or a sister, go to them first, alone. Speak with them of what troubles you with them, about their behavior or words, etc., whence the problem springs. Do not throw it out into a community, the community, and attempt to draw up lines—'this side is wrong', 'this side is right'—and ascertaining who is on which side of that line. This is not the Kingdom we are building. We are building community.

To return, briefly, to the process our Lord set forth: if the problem between you continues, then go with another member of the community to speak with this person and try to work it out amongst you, keeping it private still and open to the love of our Father. There is no need to broadcast dissension, there is only the requirement of remembering the Father resides in each of us equally, and His love for us is equal and knows no favorites. It is somewhat difficult, I may tell you now, for Members in this moment to speak on this issue since he is directly involved and his emotions rise. So I think I have said enough in guiding you to that section of the Book, in the Jesus papers, as well as the words I have given you—but I would be happy to answer more on this perhaps, depending on your further questions' content. Has this helped you?

C: Well, it helps to clarify what you were referring to in your statement and it's very good to hear about these words in this regard. It's not a lot unlike the ethics procedure that is set forth in many organizations, and it's just good common sense, so I appreciate hearing it.

Andr: I'm happy to be of some help in this. We have been much concerned over this matter and while I have not been in communication with your group for some time, I have been watching over it and helping Market in his personal struggle created by this issue of dissension, and I am happy to see him in the place he has come with it, which has its focus in love and not self-righteousness or the need to answer for his actions in this Teaching Mission. It is difficult for me in some ways to speak praise of him in this context, though I will. Know that your transmitter/receiver here tonight struggles mightily and has done so to serve the Father and "get out of the way of the message" so it may come clearly. In large part he has been most acceptable. These words are so inadequate, I'm sorry. There is so much involved in this situation, it is very difficult to speak of it in other than generalities I am afraid. Though, again, I welcome the process which I know Abigail's group in Salem has begun

in proposing a set of ethical guidelines for all of the *Urantia Book* Teaching Mission groups to help them with such issues and others which may come up. This is a *very* good process, a very healing and healthy process, and can do much more than I would say even my words tonight on this issue. Though I would say that, again, I am available to all of you personally in your quiet time to explore this and other issues, and I look forward to that opportunity as you may so choose to avail yourself. It has been a trying time on both sides of the plane of mortality.

C: Thank you.

Andr: You are most welcome, Commit.

CA: Machiventa spoke of a deeper level of communicating with Teachers. Has something transpired to--that will help us in the deeper communication?

Andr: This is so. We have been busy on our side of the "ether", if you will, in how to broaden the band, if you will, of our communication both with you and others upon the planet. This is an on-going process for as the Circuits have been opened this does not necessarily mean that your reception has necessarily been that good--better than before, but still a bit rusty, to use a[n] again clumsy metaphor. So, in terms of the physicality of this process, the material nature of communicating with you and others not related directly to the Teaching Mission, we ever work toward that communication becoming clearer. I would add that this is aided greatly by your own efforts at aligning yourself with the intention of the Father in this, with His will. For each one of you holds a piece of Perfection within you in the Father Fragment. But it is more than that, for it is also a piece of perfection yet to be realized, which is your soul. What a wonderful adventure, as most of you realize, and so many more need to realize, that the greatest adventure awaits you all in finding the Way to the Father. This is nothing more than why we are here--the understatement of the year! in those words.

But, yes, Catalogo, the shorter answer is as my brother Machiventa spoke, we have been working in a *physical* sense with making our energies, and our communication, more clear and readily available to yours and other planets that have been in isolation prior to this.

CA: Is the quiet time still one of the better times of aligning ourselves to this communication?

Andr: The quiet times of course are powerful because they allow you the opportunity of focusing, as much as you are able, upon these energies and the Father within you and the Teachers who may be close to you at the time, available to you. However, this may also be brought equally to your everyday lives. If you have a greater awareness of the Father in your everyday conscious life, that all around you was created through and by Him, all that is presented to you in your life is there through Him to grow, to learn, to discover, and that that process is going on for the brothers and sisters of your planet you come in contact with—whether they exhibit love to you, compassion, or not—if you are conscious of that adventure, that plan and that love, which we are striving to bring to you, as I said, more clearly—then you can have

that focus in each moment of your life. It does not need to be in your quiet time. You will be *living* your quiet time in perfection, in the best sense. I am not saying that is where any of you are at now, of course, but no, it is not just in the quiet time we are speaking of—though of course this time will also be heightened, in potential, by these changes.

CA: I think that's what I was meaning, is that, was that.

Andr: Yes.

CA: That's not the only time, I do realize though. And also I realize that the Father's speaking to everyone. We don't always hear what He is saying to each and every one of us, but He is speaking. (To group:) Do you guys have a question? I have one more question along this line. Okay?

This has to do with, in aligning our will with God's will, which is a real challenge, and my question was about—does doing the will of God include a dying of self-image and our images of the world?—and also our images of God?

Andr: To a great extent this is what our Lord Michael spoke of when he said you must be born again—born again of spirit, a transformation by which you see the world with new eyes—as a butterfly comes from the chrysalis, from the husk of your former life, so do you in that new vision, that new life. So in this sense, that is very true. However, at the same time, one never sheds one's personality. That is the gift of the Father, and quite unique. Every single mortal created is unique, in all the vastness of the created worlds. So it is not something which may by your growth, positively or negatively, can be destroyed per se. It will ever be there, though the constructs which you create around yourself, which I believe is what you are referring to, indeed are often and should be shaken up if one is truly growing. Complacency is the bane of true growth. We must always have our points of rest—the time of the intake of the breath—just as we must breathe out in action. This allows for a great deal of mystery along the way, and that's a good thing, too.

CA: Well, it seems to me that being born again is certainly a process, something that goes on and on.

Andr: Oh--yes. There are dramatic, to use a word, moments where this is a dividing line, shall we say, between your old life and the new life before you, but yes that process is always a dynamic one. The meaning of that life in the Light ever changes as you grow in it. Many make the mistake on your planet that once that "acceptance of Christ", as the terms have been used, occurs there is nothing more to be done--one follows the rules and lives according to them, and one is "saved". Well, to an extent, yes and at its most basic, yes this is true, but stasis is not what the created worlds and universes are about. It is about growth, toward Perfection, and there will never be a point--short of the Supreme's completion in perfection--where you will stop and stay in one place. You will ever be growing--as long as one is directed, I should say--toward the Father. For that spirit gravity will ever move you toward Him and His light.

CA: Well--that is how God has made life, in that it dishes up pretty regular-

ly things that can--situations for growth, upheaval, questions, and fear and whathaveyou. That's a given.

Andr: Yes. Whether we want it or not!

CA: Right. Thank you.

Andr: You are most welcome, Campbel. I am happy you have brought these questions tonight.

CA: I have more! I don't know if we have time, but I have more.

Andr: Let us see if there are others perhaps with--people who have questions or comments. Again, I want to stress that I hope these times together can be of discussion, as well as my providing answers to your questions. I think I have made that clear prior to this, but I will say it again.

(pause)

B: Go ahead, Comment.

CA: Well, in reading the book Will & Spirit, Gerald May went into so many different areas, but one he was talking about had to do with energy. And my question about what he was talking about is, our minds as energy and our emotions as energy. And so, I wrote the question: Our minds [are] a part of the Cosmic Mind and our minds are energy. Is that right, or correct?

Andr: Yes.

CA: Okay. Does this same energy flow through our bodies? Is it the same energy that the Chinese call chi, the Japanese ki?

Andr: They are not one and the same. They are complementary. But you would have difficulty, I think, in distinguishing them. The Cosmic Mind does permeate all, and your own minds, limited though they may be, are encircuited in that Mind, as well as the various spirit material—rather, spirit and material gravities and energy circuits which by the fact of your being alive you are part of. The Chinese physicians, and philosophers for that matter, have learned more about utilizing and working with this energy than has normally been the case in what you have called "the West", though you yet have much to learn about these energies and in time we will be able to show you and teach you more of them. And there are in fact quite a few groups and individuals on the planet who are at this moment benefitting from our instruction, conscious or unconscious—to use, again, rather imperfect terms. Is there more in your question?

CA: Well--yeah, there's a lot. It's like--I'm sort of puzzled by what the Mind Circuit is. The other part is that I've been getting in touch with energies in my body and they seem to feel different to me, but they may be the same. They may be the same energy, but I don't know if--is my perception of the energy is being different? I'm trying to make sense of this and maybe I can't. I don't know.

Andr: There is much in what you ask, Company. You have been working very hard I know to try to understand the energies available to you and as well how you have used or not used them in the course of your life, and how it has manifested in your body, and with the condition you struggle with. Much of your control or facility with these energies occurs on a level above your conscious mind, which is not dissimilar to the process occurring now in Manage transmitting. He could not tell you how this occurs, only that it does, and when it is more clear or less. It is an application, if you will, of energy and this is much the same as you're dealing with in terms of your physical health and/or mental energies in your attempts at being in clearer contact with the pure energy of the Father and His created regulators of that energy. It is a life-long process and I will tell you that this may not always be easy for you--I know it has not been to this point--but do not give up. The same energies we are opening ever fuller upon your planet, as Lord Machiventa spoke, will help you in your quest. I cannot tell you, I cannot predict for you, to what extent that healing and energy may take in your mortal life, but it will be easier for you now in some aspects to avail yourself of this energy, this alignment. Is this helpful to you at all in this moment?

CA: Well, yeah. What it does is encourage me to keep on keeping on with it. And I think it will take a fairly long time of working—if working is the word—but being in contact and feeling the energy flow through the body, my body. Hopefully at some point there will be some help to my health I hope, but I'm not expecting it soon at all. Like you said, life—long—it will take a long time, I think—accumulative, I think.

B: I came up with a question regarding when I heard you say life-long process. Something that's been in the forefront of my thoughts recently is thoughts of service, and I was wondering what words you might have, brief or otherwise, regarding service collectively for this group or individually, in relation to the Teaching Mission or otherwise.

Andr: Your service--as you know, Base--is your life. The Teaching Mission offers a more clear-cut avenue for this, but again it is still in a very formative stage. So, the groups have been functioning as a means, the transmission groups have been functioning as a means of gathering your energies, your knowledge, your experience, and the brotherhood you bring to your group, bringing them into a focus which may later be coordinated with the Teaching Mission goals--one focus being, as I have said and others have said, the Universities. For the moment, we are concentrating on your individual lives. You give service, Beat, every time you show up on time and help people from the goodness of your heart and in the course of your job. This is service to your Lord, the care and love you show to those around you -- in this group and outside this group--is service. There will be a time when it will have a greater and more apparent focus, but for the moment do as you have done. You have created so much of your life, gained so much knowledge and understanding of the path to the Light. You are much loved for it, aside from the love always there, of course, from the Father. But do not, in the moment, be too concerned about the course of your service -- and I say this to all of you. The present moment is sufficient. If you wish to have a service, you might work together in this group, with each other, as to how you may be able to provide service to each other. Start with your group! How can you help one another

with the various specialties you possess—the skills or understanding? Think or talk about that. That can be a very engaging process of discovery, growth, sharing, and help, right here in your group. It will also expand to those beyond it, of course. It cannot help but do that. Does this help you?

B: Yes. Very much.

Andr: I am glad. (pause) I would-unless there is another-one more brief question, I would close for this evening, for Manage is tiring and others in the group I know are tired as well, and you may wish to discuss more somewhat after this transmission from myself. So-unless there is an urgent question, I would close for tonight, my dear brothers and sisters. Again, I am so very pleased to be here with you speaking. I am very near to you in your days and weeks, though you may not be aware of this. But it is a great pleasure to be able to communicate, even in this manner with you. Thank you again for being here with your belief and your questions, and your doubts. Ever will your mind be examining such questions as this Teaching Mission presents, though perhaps with less turmoil as we progress. So, for tonight, God's blessing upon you, His love fill your hearts, and your days and your nights. I love you. Goodbye.

Group: Goodbye. Good night.

Greetings, friends. I am Andronason, your teacher, welcoming yet another session together. I am most happy to be here with you and I want you to know that your discussion and sharing before my speaking was most appreciated. Many beings witness this time you have together and in your words learn, as well as from your hearts, how they may better serve you—and in doing so, this Mission of our Lord Michael. So, again, I welcome the sincerity, courage, and seeking of Light which brings you to these gatherings for the Father and your—selves. I am here now for your questions and of course any discussion, I would stress, which may be to your liking or needs. Please take your time. I am not going anywhere for some time.

C: Well, I've written my questions, and the reason I've written them is that so they would flow versus when I tend to ask them ad lib it's like I get—I lose my train of thought and I get real choppy. So I find it easier for me just to write them down. And so, the first one is just a little bit more about energy, and I wanted to see if my understanding is that there is different types of energy—and there's mental and spiritual and material energy, and so on, but they all come from the one source and that's God. And divine love is God's pure energy as I understand that. And I do believe that at times we can feel this love—do you agree?

Andr: Oh, well, of course. Love is a great power and motivator. It often reaches you in your emotional centers and drives you, for better or worse—we would hope toward the Father. Certainly love springs from the Father. But, love is the greatest gift to you of the material worlds, and in the seeming paradox, is also the most intangible to your material selves. You must feel it, you must witness it, in a manner which is really quite difficult to convey, even to your own intellect, much as the experience of communication, let us say, with spirit beings. It is seemingly intangible, however I would stress that this is from your perspective. It is quite different, as you may imagine, from our viewpoint. In fact, we might look on you as, in a way, as unreal as you might look on us, though I would stress this is said with good humor and, I think you understand, tongue—in—cheek. (Yeah.) We know you are, of course, real and caring (group chuckles), and real. You are individuals. But the material and the spirit suffer a wide gulf; the Father's energies and love bridge that. And love does flow both ways.

C: Well, recently I had an experience of being filled with what I thought was God's love but I'm not sure. It was definitely a positive energy and I was wondering if you could help me with that experience.

Andr: I think, Cardina, you need to trust more your own reception of that experience and similar experiences. Do not trust so much, or rely upon, your intellect. The intellect feels it may stand alone but it is like a stool missing a leg in that regard. It may balance quite well in a rather awkward way and think it's doing just fine, but really to be cosmically balanced one must use far more than the intellect. (sighs) I am somewhat (pause) with difficulty in describing what I am trying to convey, in your language. Let me simplify. Your mind knows certain things, your heart others, though they perceive the same thing or experience of a time. Try to trust the moment you are

in with those experiences, Company. Afterwards one may dissect them ad infinitum and come no closer to the truth, to say the least be farther from it, in fact, in that dissection than in the moment itself. (chuckles) I have used a great many words to say—trust yourself, in the moment. Trust the Spirit of Truth which is there for you.

C: And you're saying that it's perfectly all right not to know what it was, for sure.

Andr: Yes. Because I know you, in terms of a spirit-seeking, trusting individual, so I speak to you specifically in this regard. I also know that there are no malign beings at large that may harm you, so the only things which can harm you are your own shadowy doubts and darker self, the parts which are in darkness. I do not mean to put overemphasis on that. We are--in your material selves, you are all made up of dark and light, shadow and light. So, again, you can come to no harm in this spirit matter as long as your intention is toward the Father and you continue on the path of fellowship so you do not become isolated, cut off, which I know is a concern for you given the material and physical difficulties which face you, Commun, in your life on this earth. So, I would reassure you in this difficult time that Lord Michael is beside you, literally and figuratively if you will. His ministers are with you, the Father, the holy Mother-Spirit, the Eternal Son, all surround you in manifest ways, of which you perceive but a small bit, though even in that bit can be found worlds of solace, comfort and drive toward greater heights and peace. But I ramble on. Is there more you would ask?

C: Just to say the experience was a very good experience. It was a very-felt very loving. There's no thought whatsoever for any darkness--or, I have no fear of any beings that would be unkind to me. That wouldn't enter the picture when it comes to this particular experience.

Andr: I--if I may ask then--am somewhat puzzled at your need to question the experience.

C: Maybe it's just my curiosity. You know?

Andr: Yes.

C: When things personally happen to me I want to know--what are they, what is that? And that is--can take me away from the experience, although this particular experience, I felt that for a good amount of time. It was only after the experience that I thought about, 'What was that I felt?' (pause) So--

Andr: Yes.

C: There's no need to answer that. It's just that's what was going on.

Andr: Thank you. I would merely say that the *quality* of feeling evoked in you, which was love and comfort and goodness, is far more important than the name of the experience. Your language in naming it is rather limited, (Mmm-hmm.) to begin with, so the language of your spirit, of what has been called the mystic—that which cannot be spoken adequately in language—this is what

is more important in these circumstances—not the description you could write in a book of it but what the *transformative* nature of that experience is *in your life*, proceeding from it *as well* as in the moment itself, the power of the moment, itself.

C: Naming the experience is one of my addictions. (good group laugh)

Andr: I see!

C: And analyzing is, too.

Andr: Well, we all need something to work on.

C: (laughs) Oh yeah. If there isn't something to work on we can always create it, you know.

Andr: Yes. This is a condition of the evolutionary worlds, (Um-hmm.) of time and space.

C: Well, I feel finished with that particular question. Thank you.

Andr: You are welcome. I am happy to help you with it, as I may.

(pause)

C: I have another question if you don't have one.

B: No, that's fine.

C: All right. I was reading one of my favorite parts in *The Urantia Book*, and that's the "Religion and Human Experience", and there's a statement that reads under "Religious Experience"—personal religious experience: "Religious experience is markedly influenced by physical health, inherited temperament and social environment." And I wanted to focus on the physical health and how it influences religious experience. And I know that how I feel physically affects how I experience life and it is a challenge to keep a positive attitude. There are other people who'll be reading this transcript that I know in several other of the study groups that live with a chronic health condition and so I just wanted you to address this subject of—what, illness?

Andr: In relation to one's spiritual life?

C: Yes.

Andr: Many people mistake illness as God's judgment, or equally as God's judgment as challenge. While this is the case in terms of cause and effect, or 'You have the illness, you must deal with it', I would stress that the Father does not hand out illnesses as some sort of cosmic candy, to make a somewhat ill joke—and I apologize—(pauses to find words). On a world such as Urantia which has suffered so much darkness and mismanagement and chaos as a result of that darkness—and by mismanagement I do not mean to speak of our Lord Michael's or the Father's plans or Light, but the mismanagement, the

rebellion of those who did not *follow* the Father. You of your world have so much more to struggle with than others might, on planets even in rebellion or cut off because of it. You have suffered a great deal.

Specifically, to your question: it is difficult to focus on spiritual matters when the material body one is in demands so much attention, drains and draws so much energy just for daily maintenance and awareness. So, the quality of one's spiritual life can be quite detrimentally affected by a chronic illness. Again, as a result of such condition, one does have a great challenge which the tools of spirituality can afford marvelous avenues of learning and experience—of faith, of spirit dynamics and energy which would not be there as a challenge in someone who had no physical ailments at all. Again I would stress that in the huge continuum of your existence, of your Universe career, all of this balances out. All of the challenges equal out. In that, what I'm saying is that someone in this life who has no physical struggles, that will be equalled out elsewhere in terms of their growth. I do not want to verge on the Infinite at this point [said with humor]—though I fear you think I do that far too often anyway—so is there more I might help in a specific manner with your question? Or have I given you enough to chew on for now?

C: For now. To be more specific about that I would need a little more time to think about making it specific. (Mmm-hmm.) So for now that's adequate.

Andr: All right. Good. We may return to this anytime. (Um-hmm, sure.) I am happy to discuss it further. But I would again stress that so much is (sighs) misused or mis-- (sighs) is twisted by those whom our Lord would today still know as whited sepulchers, who preach in the name of the Father and our Lord Jesus but are as vipers. For they do not preach love; they preach the petty judgment of their own self-righteousness. There is no illness that the Father visits upon those, be they in darkness or in light, and no one on your planet, I can tell you, would be able to tell adequately if He did. So, for instance, the current tragedy upon your planet known as AIDS is used so often by conservative religious groups to blame other groups -- the victims of this disease, or who exhibit a behavior they do not like--that this is God's judgment. Well, down through the ages we have heard this and been sickened by such pettiness and blackening of the Father and our Lord Michael in that process. So, I again have spoken strongly, for I feel this strongly and hope--and know--that in time--though it may be a great time, I will tell you--that these iniquities and heresies of mankind's making will pass from your earth, and true brotherhood reign and the love that springs from the Center of all things.

There is more I could speak on these matters, of course, but I would confine myself to your specific questions rather than any tirades I might provide you. Speaking again lightly—with humor.

B: Andronason, I wouldn't mind a tirade.

(big laughs all around)

B: You know, I appreciate what you have to say. Sometimes it seems like the scales teeter on this planet to the brink of—in a negative spiral— (Andronason sighs) and what words of buoyancy would you have this evening—in addition

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to what you've stated tonight?

Andr: Thank you for that comment and question, Book. I know the sorrow and suffering you speak of. So much has occurred on your planet, even as we speak---which is wrenching, and sickening, and truly would be cause for despair were there not in fact a loving Father and His many Sons and Daughters in light and love who do exist and are there to help. It is so difficult when confronted with the magnitude of monstrosity which mankind is capable of; for you are the greatest of the beasts and it is only the Father's gift of Spirit which saves you from that depravity. As The Urantia Book states, without the Father's spiritual help and Helpers, your world would rapidly sink back to the most primitive of places--rapidly from our view, somewhat slower from yours, but still the decline would be desperate. Your world has, of course, suffered more than others, and in the bounty of that Universal bounty, is blessed far greater than others, for of the millions of inhabited worlds, yours was selected by our Creator Son to bestow himself upon as a child and a man of the flesh. He suffered much, as you know, and he understands the full range of your humanity, for he has experienced its heights and its depths, suffered and lived in joy, of being a human being. His promise to return, you must know, will be met and is, as we speak, for his presence is here upon the planet, most clearly and firmly. Some begin to see that more in these days. But again, many await a vengeful Jesus, as they would wait upon a vengeful God and have learned nothing! Their judgment will come before that they seek for others, and it will not be a happy surprise.

But you asked of hope, Bank, and I will speak of that. The morning is dawning upon your planet—as I have seen on many worlds. (sighs) But few have I seen as dark as your Urantia. But the dawn is here, is coming, brighter. And we here in this room are part of it, and in many rooms, and parlors, and verandas, in the desert, and the jungle upon this planet. So, feel that, in your heart. Feel it and remember it when the despair overcomes you, for then it may never overcome you. You are ever watched by Guardians of Light and angels of mercy. And they will lift you up surely, as your Father and our Lord Michael do and have so promised. I will speak no more on this for the moment——if this is sufficient.

B: Sure.

(pause)

Andr: There is much I might tell you of the days ahead, but this is not the time for it. For, again, we are here in a more personal way together and I know there has been some considerable upset caused by talk of things to come in the Teaching Mission and upon your planet. So, I will trust that to the Father, as I would pray that you would, and turn the floor back to other questions you might have—or comments.

B: Do you experience mood changes?

Andr: (with a big laugh) Do I have mood swings, Ban? (more laughs all around)

B: Uh-huh.

Andr: (still laughing) Not as you would recognize them. I have emotions as do you. I have feelings, certainly, as I have in fact told you before. I respond in this communication and in the body I am now in on your planet—the created body—much like a human, though this is rather difficult for me to speak about or convey to you adequately for it is a very complicated thing. For again, I am not human. I am a Melchizedek. (Mm—hmm.) But, please rest assured that you would recognize, as I think you do anyway, the similarity of feelings and emotions. It is just that in this manner of speaking and translation, if you will, of them it may appear that there are perhaps these "swings" of emotion. But, again, I can't really convince you of my stability emotionally (in a comic inflection), but— (Back chuckling) I'll leave it at that for now.

B: (still rather tickled) If I may, I didn't particularly perceive mood swings as much as I was curious. But on the other hand, not being entirely human may be an asset in nurturing positive[ness] perhaps is—somewhat what I was thinking. If that makes sense to you?

Andr: It is a little unclear. Do you mean in terms of working with humans and not being under the sway of those human swings of emotion, if you will? (Yes. Yes.) Though having them myself, having emotions, myself. (Yes.) Yes, of course. There is, need I say, a very wide gap between a Melchizedek and a human being and I—that is no surprise I'm sure to your experience of this. But we are here to—as common brothers with you, in service of the Lord. And you may be surprised at our understanding of you, though we are not human. But we have a considerable understanding of your lives. What we do with that understanding, and how it appears to you, is again quite a different matter. And at times requires a good deal of your trust. And this is why we meet, and why you meet and others, to this point, do not. You have established trust; we have established trust—and friendship and fellowship, I would hope, and recognize also.

B: Do you have any questions? Go ahead.

C: One. I just have one that—I was wondering how I may help or aid our communication. Is there anything I can be doing to help?

Andr: Your communication with myself, communicat

C: Um-hmm.

Andr: Well, as I have said, expect less and you will receive more.

C: Hmm.

Andr: Expect less from yourself, and you will receive more from the Universe. I do not mean you should not be trying, of course, but do not be so stern a taskmaster.

C: Yeah. Got that right. (chuckles) You know me well enough to know that.

Andr: Yes. I'm---I believe, it would be best to close for this evening. I would like to leave you time, actually, to discuss among yourselves afterwards. The one person who never gets much of a chance in that is your receiver/transmitter, Manage, and I would like to give him that opportunity as well.

B: I was thinking about that, (Yes.) a few minutes ago.

Andr: So, I am very happy with our evening. I feel I know you all much better, and that we know each other better, on a level that is deeper than words, and touches many of the things we have talked about tonight in the way of understanding and of experience and communication and spirit knowledge, as well as just plain old friendship. I appreciate that very much. So, on that simple and—homey?—note, I will say goodnight, and leave you—but not really. But [with] my words in parting I leave the Father's blessing in your lives and know I am ever close and available, and watch you with great love and care. Until our next time, my dear friends, good night.

Group: Night.

Greetings, my brothers and sister, I am Machiventa Melchizedek, head of this Mission to your Earth from our Lord Michael, who your planet knew as Jesus. I am most pleased to see you all here tonight for it shows me once again how this mission's success rests not in your expectations but in your hearts. I am pleased that you read randomly from *The Urantia Book* tonight prior to our transmission. It was not so "random", was it. All [portions read] were tied together in some fashion with elements of teaching and a teaching mission to your planet such as I have prepared in the name of our Lord Michael of Nebadon.

I would tell you that I am most pleased to see this group's continuance and perseverance, its elasticity in the face of varying beliefs and determined will on the part of members, past and present. I do not say this as any judgment for those here or those not present for whatever reason. I simply acknowledge the goodness I feel, the warmth of my heart in being here in this room, in this place, with you. I will not speak further tonight other than in this personal manner for I wish you to know that I am a personal presence upon this planet again, if you were not aware of that prior to this. But my presence is much more in evidence, and I am most pleased at this, for I am really a resident, a native in many ways, of your world since my sojourn here in the days of Abraham, much as is our Lord Michael also a "native son", if you will, on the "old school" of Urantia. My jokes are as rusty as [those of] my brother Melchizedeks, you will note. I smile at this.

And so, not to "hog" too much of the time from my other brothers tonight, and your own questions, in this very familiar way and family way, if you will, I offer my love and blessings to you, and again, the warmth I feel in being here with you in this room by the fireside. Take that feeling into your own hearts and souls, it is for each of you. I will go for now, though I am here. Goodnight.)

I am Andronason, your Teacher. Welcome. How fortunate we are having heard again from our brother and father Machiventa this evening in this "family call", this familial visit. It is still difficult to find the language sometimes to convey the feeling, but I think the feeling in your hearts has already done that for me so I will not belabor the point. Means is rather tired tonight, but as usual he is forging ahead. We have been consulting with him on this closely and do not wish to wear him out, so our session may be rather brief, but we'll gauge it as we go along. My brother Norsen is here as well. It may not be that he will speak because of these constraints, but I would acknowledge for him his presence and love communicated to you all. He is never far in spirit, if not in fact other means, from this group's presence collectively and individually. I would then avail myself to you, open myself to you, for any questions or comments or discussion you may have tonight. So, let's see where we go with that for now. Please take your time.

C: Andronason, I have a question.

Andr: Yes, Com.

C: Could you tell me where you would counsel a person to begin reading who hasn't read the Book? Where is a good beginning place?

Andr: Well, of course, being a Melchizedek I would say 'Begin at the beginning'. (big laugh from him)

C: I tried that and it didn't work for me. (laughs)

Andr: Yes, I know, Com. The Forward is something, I'll tell you.

C: What?

Andr: The forward to the Book is indeed something. To *veer* back toward the track of your question, more succinctly. My joke is only in part, for as a Melchizedek we had much to do with the Book's coordination and transmission. It--

C: I thought you were going to say, 'Being a Melchizedek, you would suggest starting up with the papers on the Melchizedeks'.

Andr: No. No, Common, we are not ego driven, or quite so--narcissistic-there's the word. Again, veering back to your question--

C: --in all seriousness, yes.

Andr: In all seriousness, yes. Veering with seriousness. The Jesus papers are of course in many ways the most accessible parts of the Book and this may in fact, at least in your own case if not others, be a very good entry point, if you will, for knowledge and study of the Book because of the obvious reasons that it presents the life which our Lord Michael lived for you as a human being that you might witness and learn in the most direct manner. And as it states at the beginning of those papers, they are also presented as often as possible through the mind or mind experience of mortals, only going to a higher source of information when that information was not available in a mortal mind or in a mortal's experience. So it is much more directed to your own level of comprehension as a mortal. It also then does refer to other things in the Book which one could then go back to and read up on, shall we say, or cross-index when questions arose. This again is something which a study group, a reading study group, can very well facilitate in that hopefully in those groups will be readers with a greater knowledge of the Book and questions may thus be answered for the beginning reader without having to have that reader flip back through and do all the "mechanical" work, if you will, the physical work of finding answers--though that is not to be discounted for learning and experience.

So I suppose the second part of my answer would be that a study group—also as you know, Cook, from your own experience—can be a very valuable tool in providing that entrance and information to the Book. An example I would give, though, for you would be also in how you here have all approached the Book tonight, in a very intuitive sense and in a way that you allowed yourself to be guided to various parts of it and discovered what was there. I will not say that this is always the best way or the Truth in action, but opening to Spirit

in this way can sometimes be quite illuminating in what one finds, as I think you did tonight. Is this of help?

C: Yes. Thank you.

Andr: You are most welcome.

(long pause)

C: Maybe there are no other questions this evening.

Andr: If this is the case then that is also fine, for I would like to stress that it is a valuable function perhaps of a group even to leave time afterwards if you are not too tired, and time and energies permitting, you may have time to discuss your experience. For this is in fact what you—in part of your reading—discussed in a different manner tonight, [as] with Jesus and his apostles having an experience or a lesson perhaps and after that time they would more informally discuss it. Much can be gained in that process as well. So, if I don't ramble on here and take up all that time, perhaps you may wish to avail yourself of that.

Again, Market is tired. These days are long for him and I do not wish to contribute to his fatigue, though he ever avows that "he is not tired!", we know better and so does he. So I will leave you for this transmission, though I am near you, as you know I think. I will again stress, for you and those others who may read or hear this transmission, that I am a Teacher available to you in the quiet of your mind and day, as you may so wish. There are many Teachers here upon the planet, more with each day, all available to those who would receive them in the Light of our Father on Paradise. That Light, soul by soul, candle by candle lit, transforms your world of sorrow and the Cross. Piece by piece, brick by brick, soul by soul, mind by mind, we transform your world. A person at a time. In Love and the Father's Light, I will say goodnight to you, my dear ones. God's blessing on your days and week ahead. Good night.

Group: Good night.

I am Norsen, your Teacher. It is a little unusual to have this "meeting of one" tonight, but I am happy to be here and speak in this group's transmission. I wish to commend you, Mandal, for your perseverance here. Your group and its meetings have been most problematic. And this is nothing that could be foreseen, for there is much change on your planet and your lives. And the force of spirit, vital and moving, is often disruptive at times in that it shakes people up, makes them think and question and wonder what their beliefs are. For we cannot sit on our beliefs. We cannot keep it, keep our faith, under a basket and not expect it to become dull, if not in fact be in danger of going out altogether. Such times of questioning and questing are the natural lot of God-seeking mortals. For the Truth ever moves you forward, even if at times it may seem to be poking you in the backside to get you along. A little joke here, but the truth nonetheless.

Not many of you know the course you are upon with any certainty. But this is to be expected. How could you learn if you were to know each step's route, where each step would take you along the way? True, one needs guideposts and goals and guidance, but you were not born upon the inhabited worlds of the Lord Michael's creation to live an easy life! You perhaps do not need me to tell you this, but it bears remembering.

There are many trials and lessons before you on the planets of time, and they are there for a very good reason. This is not to say that all your trials are there and set by us, your Thought Adjuster, or whatever Cosmic agencies. There is chance and accident, at least so far as we are concerned -- though, God, the Heavenly Father knows all things, and for Him there can be no accidents, no surprises, if you will. But we have a harder road and more to learn. And a harder road is not necessarily something to eschew or wish otherwise for. Lessons hard gained bear resilient fruit. But again, I would stress that we do not require suffering of you. Often your suffering is of your own making or experience of misunderstanding, and in that we hope we may help you to uncover more of the truth and compassion which truly lies at the Center of all Being and which is there to support you in your road, in your struggles and trials. As many Teachers have told you and The Urantia Book clearly shows, your time once off this world and on your morontia career, beginning with the mansion worlds, is a tremendously different experience and one which will seem impossibly -- easy, perhaps? -- in comparison with the darkness you have lived in on your first world of time: the struggles and the faith and the doubt and the unknown and the sheer fortitude it often takes for you to go on one day to the next in the face of this struggle upon your planet.

We are not here visibly among you at this moment, but we shall be, and we hope that in our continued association we may be guides of assurance to you, more so in our physical presence. However, we are not so foolish to believe that by your merely being able to see us, your faith will be any stronger. You will be reassured, some or many of you, in our presence physically among you, but it will first require your active faith to believe we are your teachers at all—as in fact you have been struggling with, I would imagine, to one degree or another since this Teaching Mission began. So what I would ask you, my

dear children, my dear friends, my dear fellows, brothers and sisters, to remember we are here to guide and help you, and help generations to come. On our part we must balance this service between the generations to come and your generation. It is often difficult, much as a parent must judge a child's immediate needs as against those which may come in the larger picture of the upbringing of that child. To simplify: withholding from a child's desires does not mean necessarily that the parent is withholding their love, care or understanding, but the child's perception of that may in fact be that that is what is going on, when in fact the wise and caring parent knows how to make that more difficult and somewhat more painful judgment in its immediate consequences of the time. But I belabor the point, I fear.

In your hearts you have come a long way, and know there is some ways to go yet in this Mission. For truly, we must win your hearts before you may win the hearts of others--much as our Lord Michael while here upon the earth as your Jesus of Nazareth, began with the hearts of his fellows and then set them upon their path to win a planet. And even though their success has been somewhat qualified, still our Lord Michael--your Lord Michael--never left his care and trust of you, of that generation or all the generations to come. So if there are times when you feel in this Mission, even betrayed, as I know some of you have, and may wish to blame, find fault in your brothers and sisters or ourselves as teachers: look in your hearts, in stillness. Look in your hearts, knowing you are within the heart of God Himself, and see if you cannot indeed connect the love that made you with the love that yet sustains you in your heart, and extend that trust to your brothers and sisters of this Mission and beyond this Mission, and to your Teachers and to yourselves. Remember patience, and that the Father's Kingdom upon this earth was not built in a day, in a year, or in 2,000--though each day, year, and millennium surely have laid the foundation.

I will leave off for tonight. I miss seeing your faces gathered together, but sometimes this will happen. Circumstances waylay the best of intentions at times, and you must never think of these meetings as appointments which override what you must do in your lives to sustain love and caring, your personal commitments born in truth and the knowledge of your hearts. We have time. But we acknowledge and thank your T/R again for being here to convey our message to you all, for we will all meet one time or another, one place or another, as the Father wills. Believe that, my dear friends, for it is true. I love you all very much. God's blessing and our blessing of the Teaching Mission in His name to you all. Good night.

(Good night, Norsen, and thank you so much for speaking tonight. Good night.)